

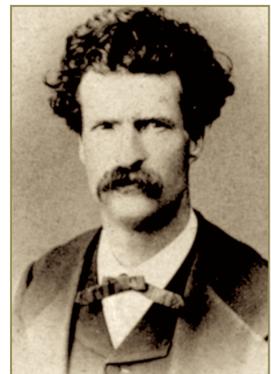
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The Mark Twain Circle of New York

“Welcome Home, Mark Twain!”

November 19 walking tour will commemorate humorist’s 1867 return to New York

NEW York City, October 12, 2017 — Just 150 years ago, on November 19, 1867, a group of well-heeled tourists returned to New York on the steamship Quaker City after a five-month “pleasure excursion” through Europe and the Holy Land. Among them was Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, and his rambling, irreverent and wickedly funny account of their adventures, *The Innocents Abroad*, or *The New Pilgrim’s Progress*, would soon launch his career as America’s most recognizable and best-loved writer.



Mark Twain in 1867

To commemorate the anniversary and celebrate the great humorist’s many links with this city, New York writer and Twain expert Peter Salwen will lead a walking tour of Twain-related sites in SoHo and Greenwich Village.

“We New Yorkers don’t usually think of Mark Twain as one of our own,” says Salwen, “but when he lived here in the early 1900s he was just about the biggest celebrity in town. And at the same time, New York itself had a huge influence on Twain’s own personal life as well as his career and ideas.”

The “Mark Twain’s New York” tour takes in some two dozen Twain-related locations, including a SoHo publishing house that turned down his first book, the hotel where he met the girl he married, and the Greenwich Village home where he composed his autobiography — a book that became a surprise best-seller in 2010, a full century after its author’s death. Also included will be the true answer to the question of how Sam Clemens came to start calling himself “Mark Twain” in the first place — a recently uncovered story that also had its roots in New York City.

EVENT: MARK TWAIN’S NEW YORK walking tour

WHERE: 500 Broadway, between Broome & Spring Streets

WHEN: 10:00 AM Sunday, November 19

PRICE: \$20

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